Food security

†2750. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that people of this country are suspicious and anxious about food security;

(b) whether it is also a fact that continuous decline in foodgrains proudction has resulted into crisis of food security;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the quantity of foodgrains that would be required by 2020 alongwith the quantity required at present in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (d) India's food security system is acknowledged to be one of the largest in the world. Foodgrains production has been fluctuating with 196.81 million tonnes in 2000-01, 213.19 million tonnes in 2003-04 and 208.60 million tones in 2005-06. As per Third Advance Estimates for 2006-07, production of foodgrains is placed at 211.78 million tonnes.

On the basis of the per capita foodgrains consumption as per National Sample Survey Organisation's 55 Round (1999-2000) Report and the Population Projections given by the office of the Registrar General of India, the requirement of foodgrains is estimated at 199.08 million tonnes during 2006-07 and 235.54 million tonnes during 2020-21.

Growth of livestock and fishery sector

2751. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set a target of six percent grwoth per year for the livestock and fisheries sector during the Eleventh Five Year Plan;

(b) what was the annual average growth of the livestock and fisheries sector during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

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